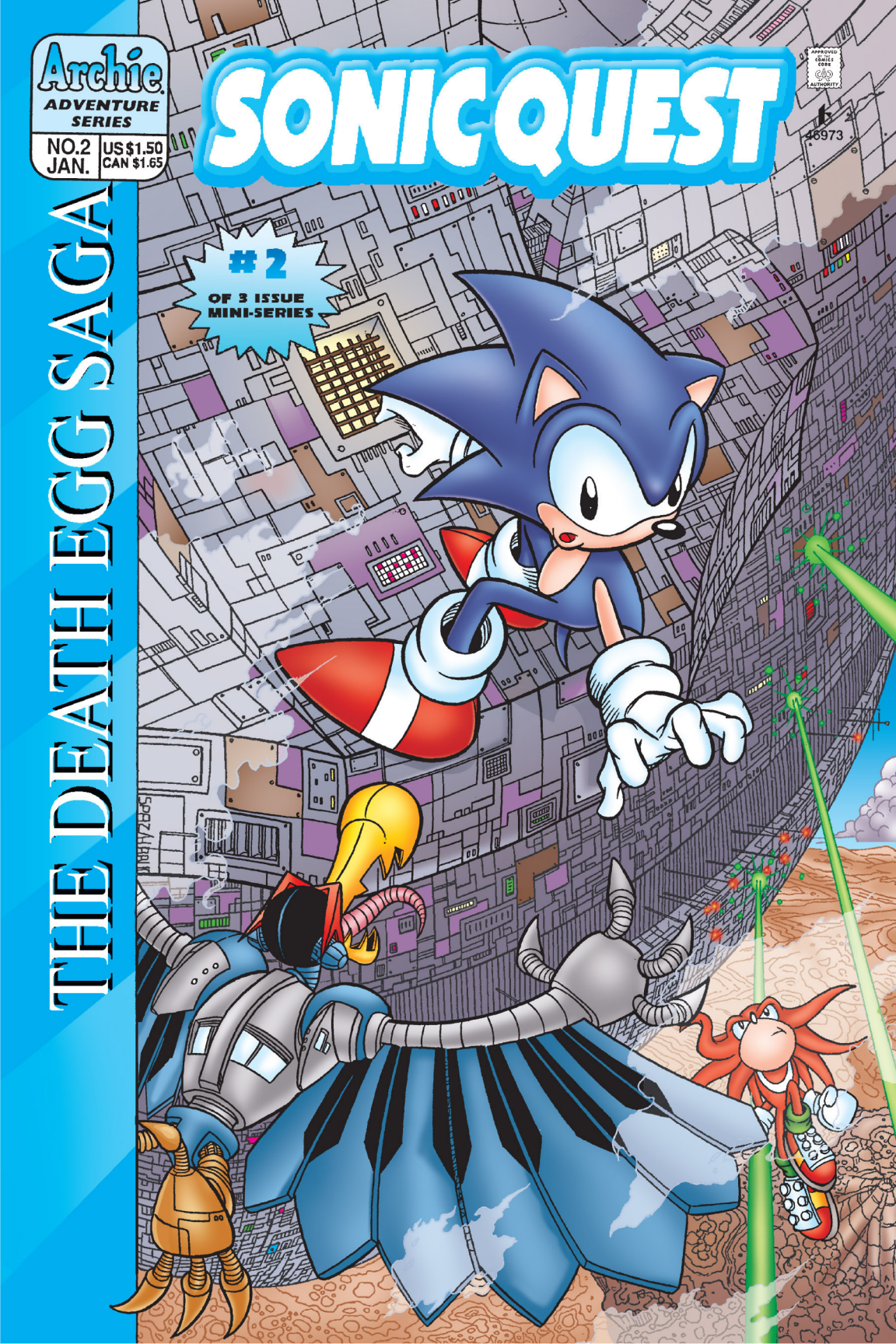
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The planet Mobius was like a paradise with the benevolent King Acorn as its ruler... until the coming of the evil Dr. Ivo Robotnik. He conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of "Freedom Fighters!" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and one day regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the Freedom Fighters is the fastest and way coolest dude on two feet... SONIC the HEDGEHOG!

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Up against impossible odds, our heroes embark on the adventure of a lifetime...

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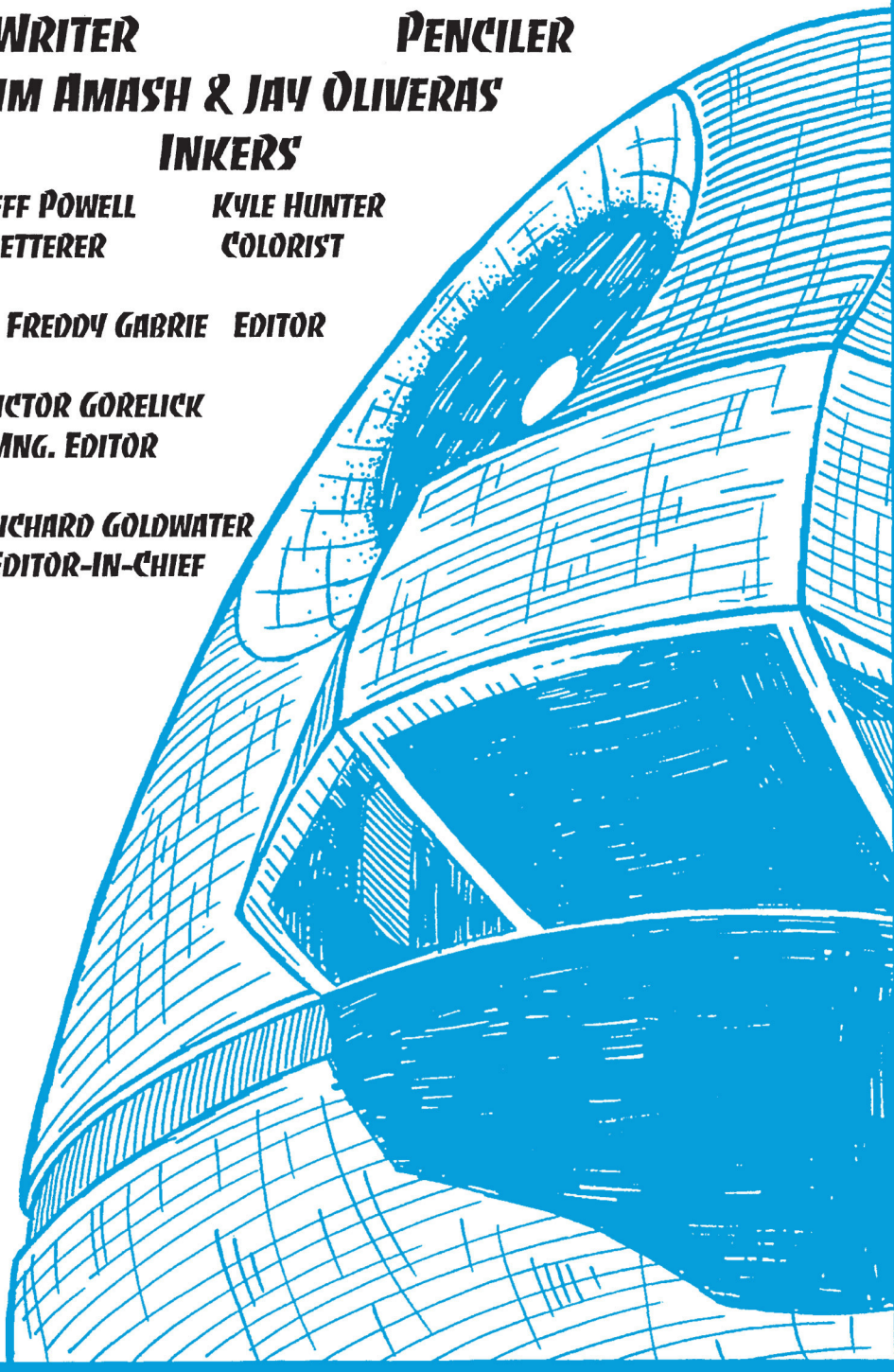

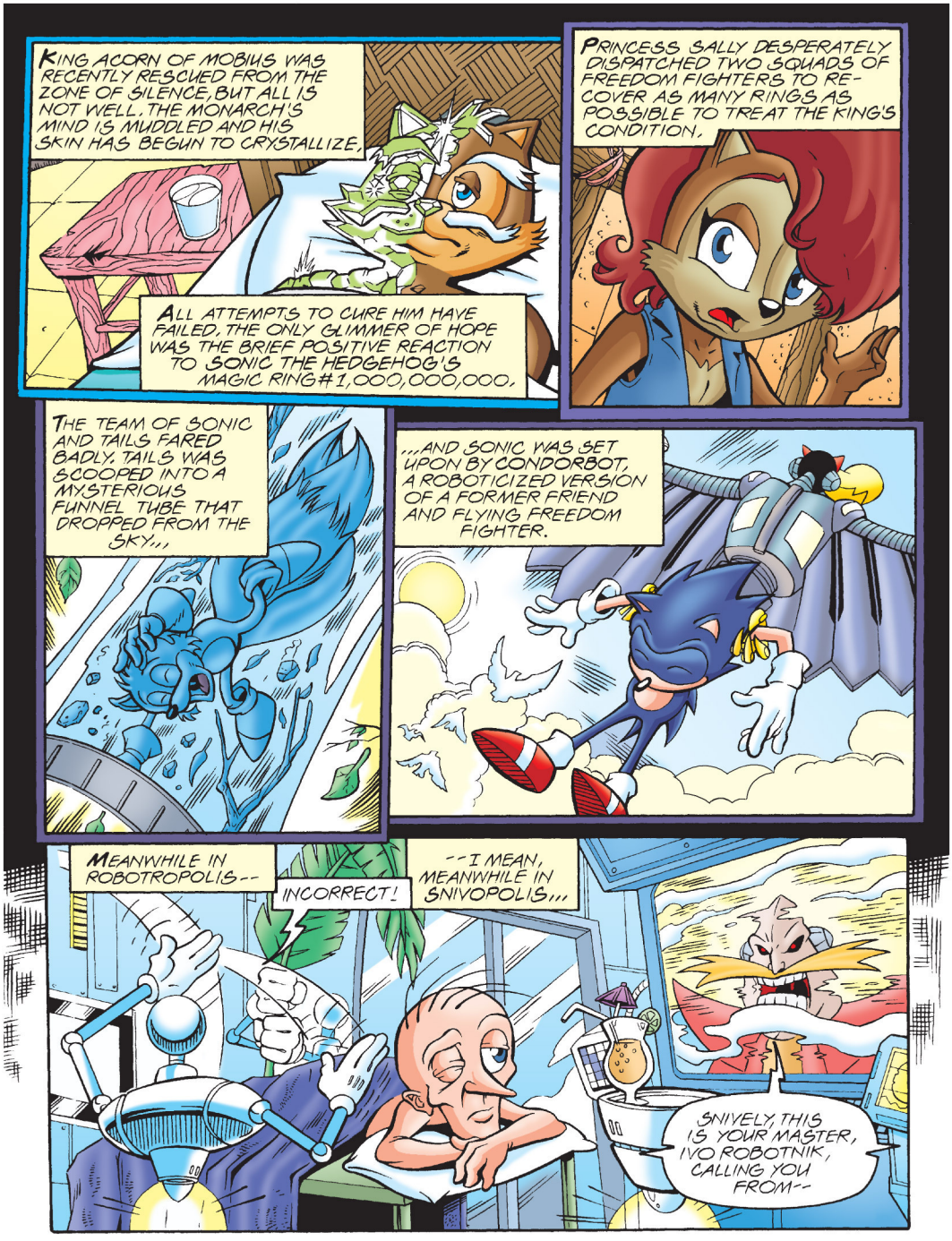
KING ACORN OF MOBIUS WAS RECENTLY RESCUED FROM THE ZONE OF SILENCE, BUT ALL IS NOT WELL. THE MONARCH'S MIND IS MUDDLED AND HIS SKIN HAS BEGUN TO CRYSTALLIZE.
ALL ATTEMPTS TO CURE HIM HAVE FAILED, THE ONLY GLIMMER OF HOPE WAS THE BRIEF POSITIVE REACTION TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S MAGIC RING #1,000,000,000.
PRINCESS SALLY DESPERATELY DISPATCHED TWO SQUADS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO RE-COVER AS MANY RINGS AS POSSIBLE TO TREAT THE KING'S CONDITION.
THE TEAM OF SONIC AND TAILS FARED BADLY. TAILS WAS SCOOPED INTO A MYSTERIOUS FUNNEL TUBE THAT DROPPED FROM THE SKY...
...AND SONIC WAS SET UPON BY CONDORBOT, A ROBOTICIZED VERSION OF A FORMER FRIEND AND FLYING FREEDOM FIGHTER.
MEANWHILE IN ROBOTROPOLIS--
INCORRECT!
--I MEAN, MEANWHILE IN SNIVOPOLIS...
SNIVELY, THIS IS YOUR MASTER, IVO ROBOTNIK, CALLING YOU FROM--

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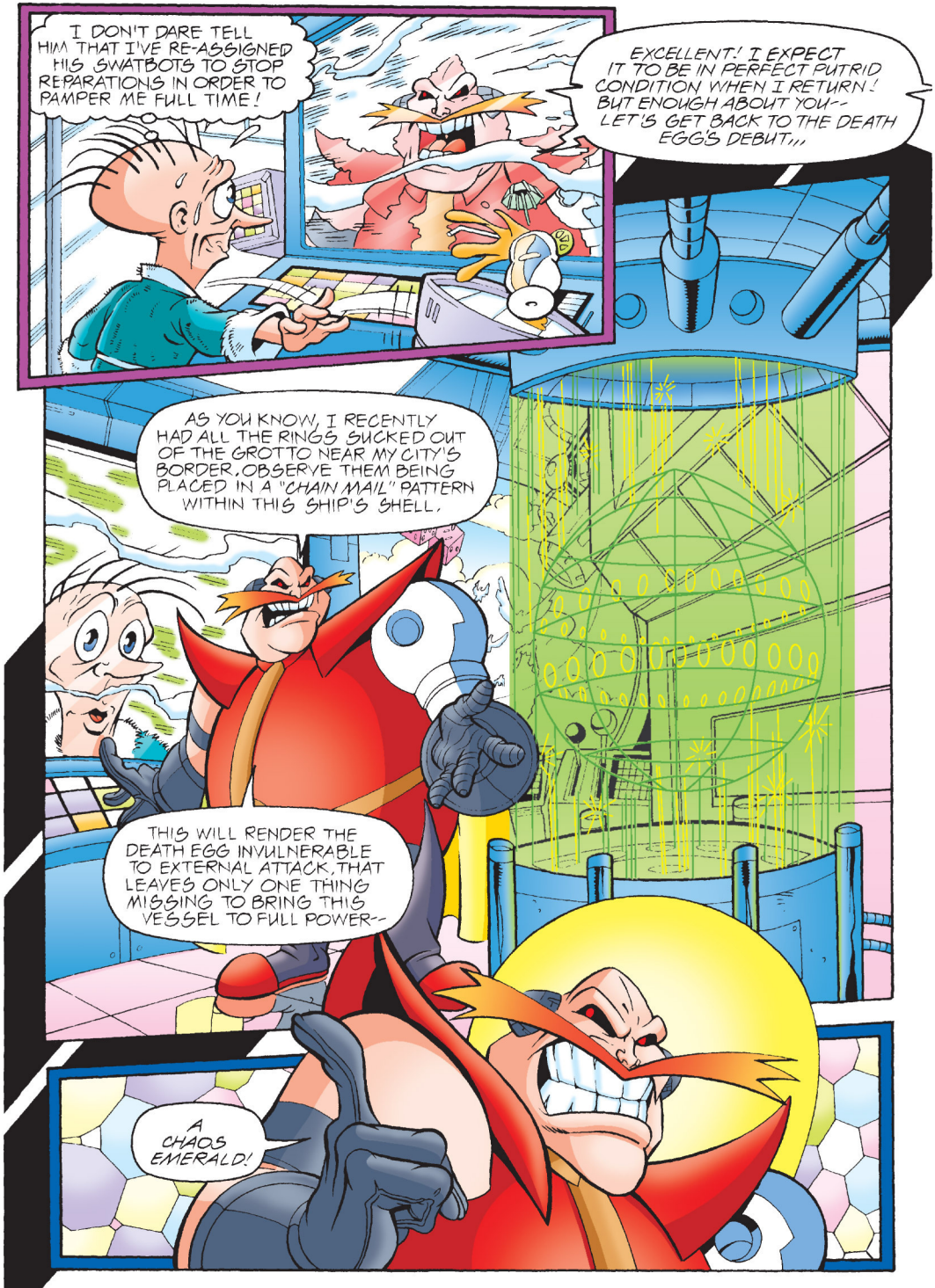
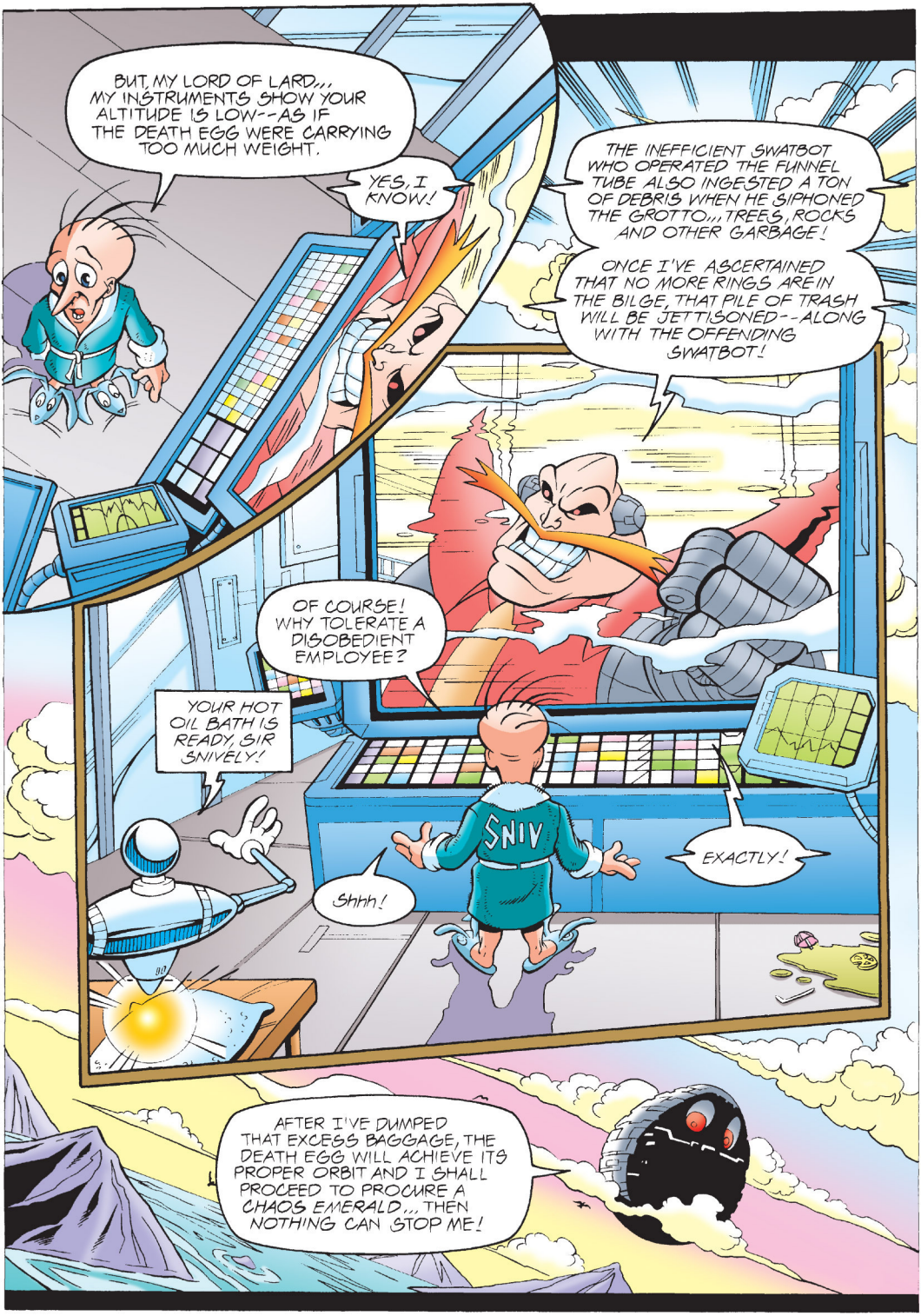
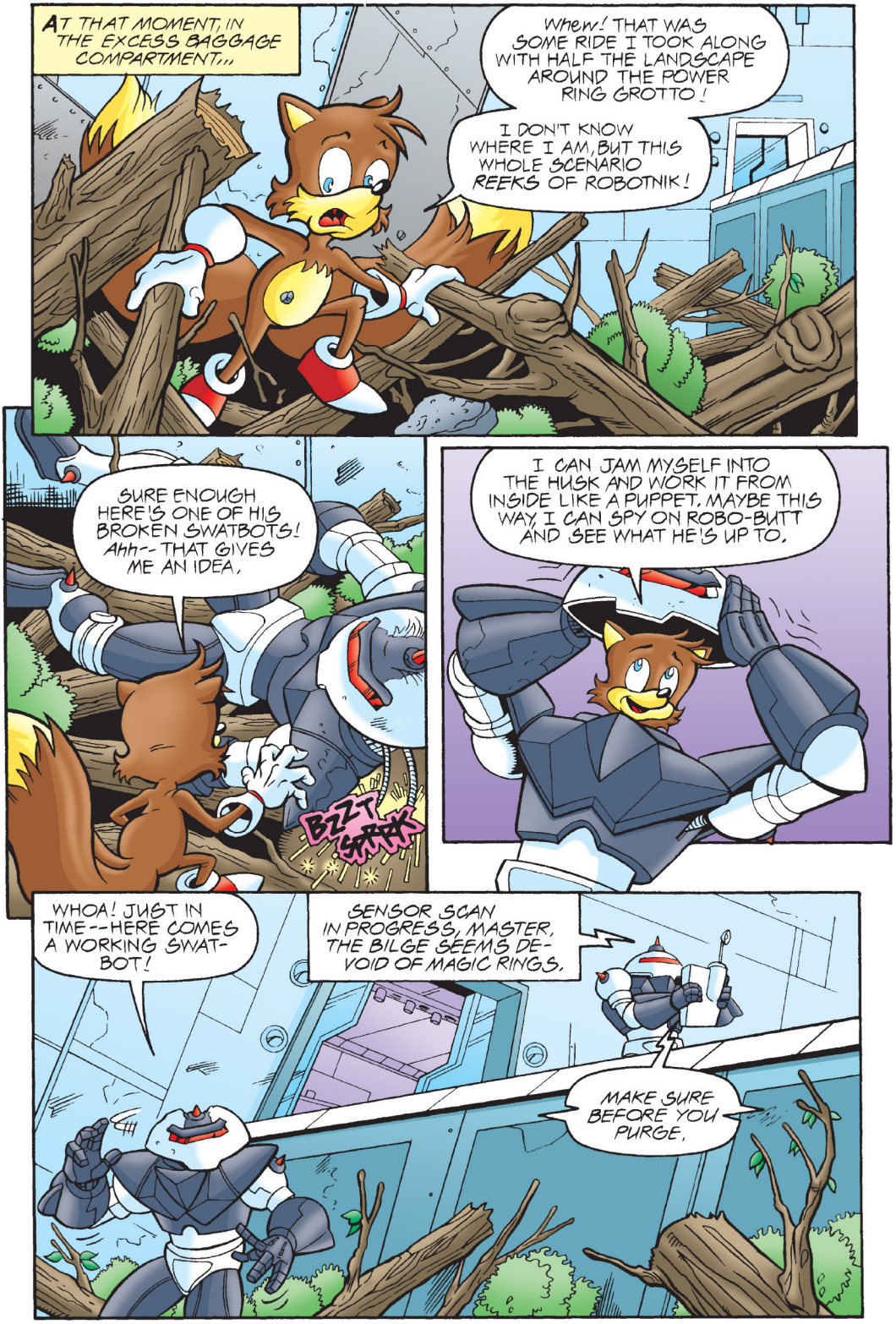
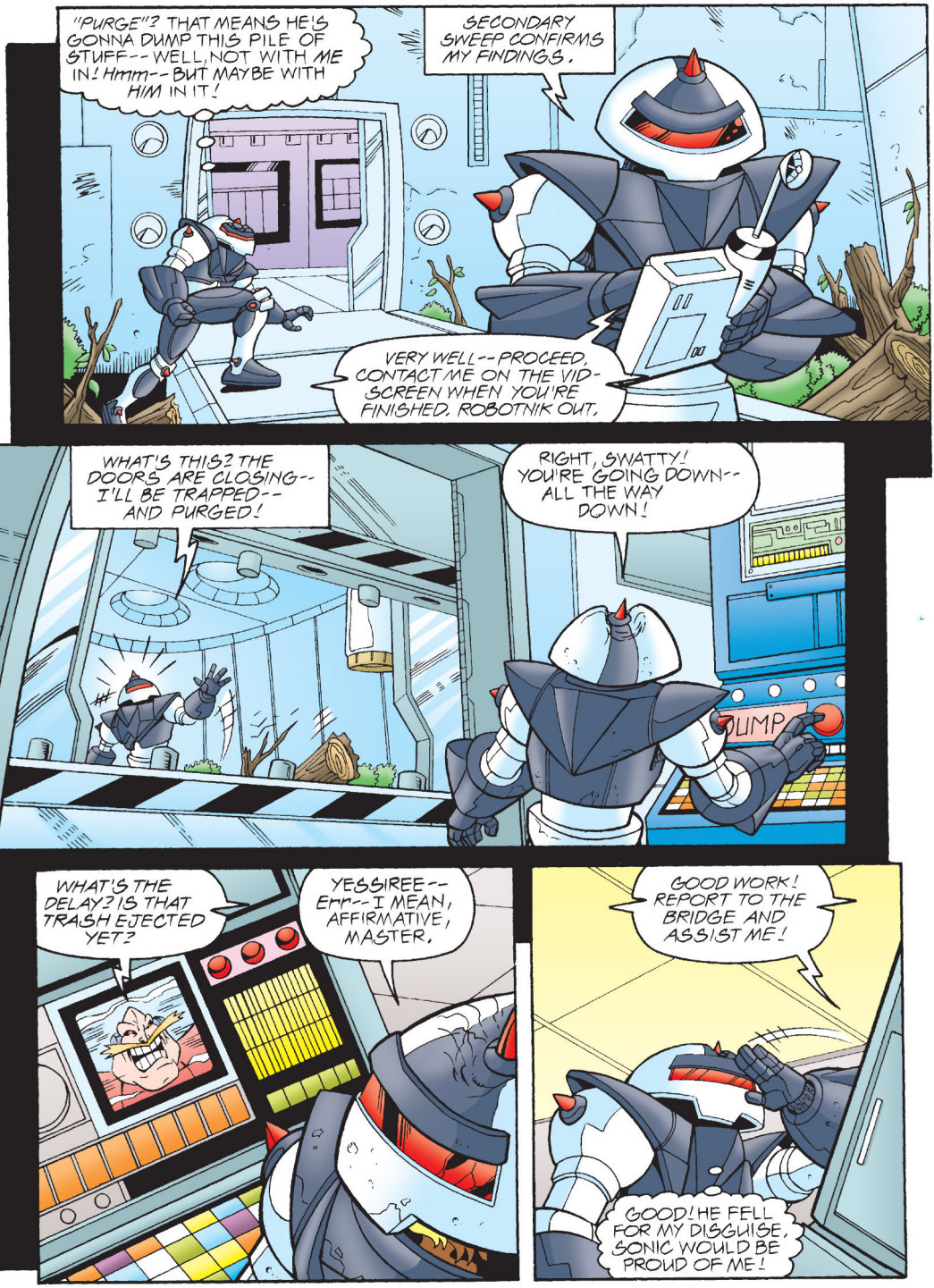
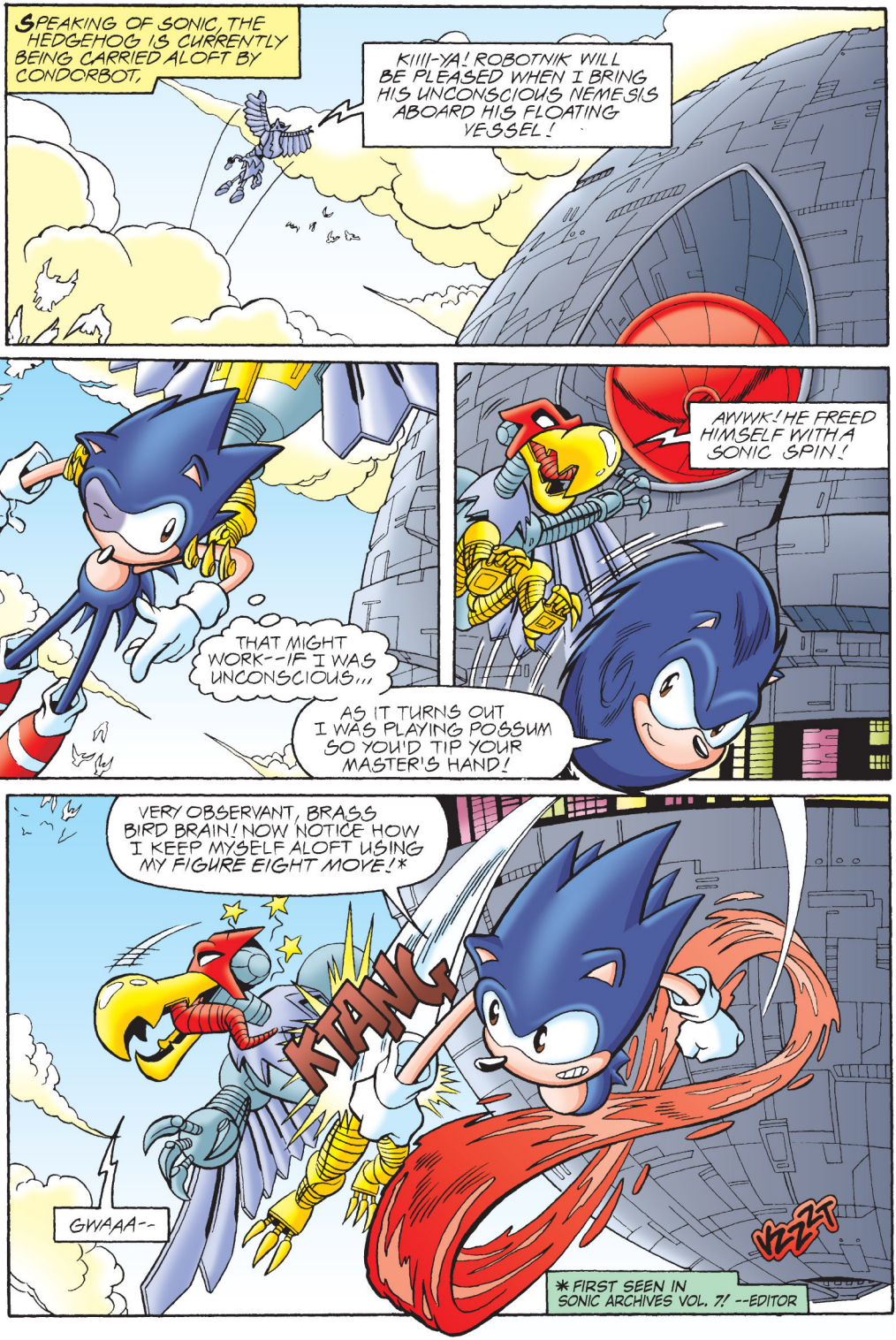
--THE DEATH EGG!
AT LONG LAST MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION IS NEAR COMPLETION! ONCE FINISHED, I'LL BE ABLE TO ROBOTICIZE THE ENTIRE PLANET BY REMOTE CONTROL FROM ABOVE!
AND HOW IS THE REBUILDING OF MY BELOVED MEGAOPOLIS PROCEEDING?
;GULP; J-JUST FINE, OH OVAL ONE!
POACHED
PART 1

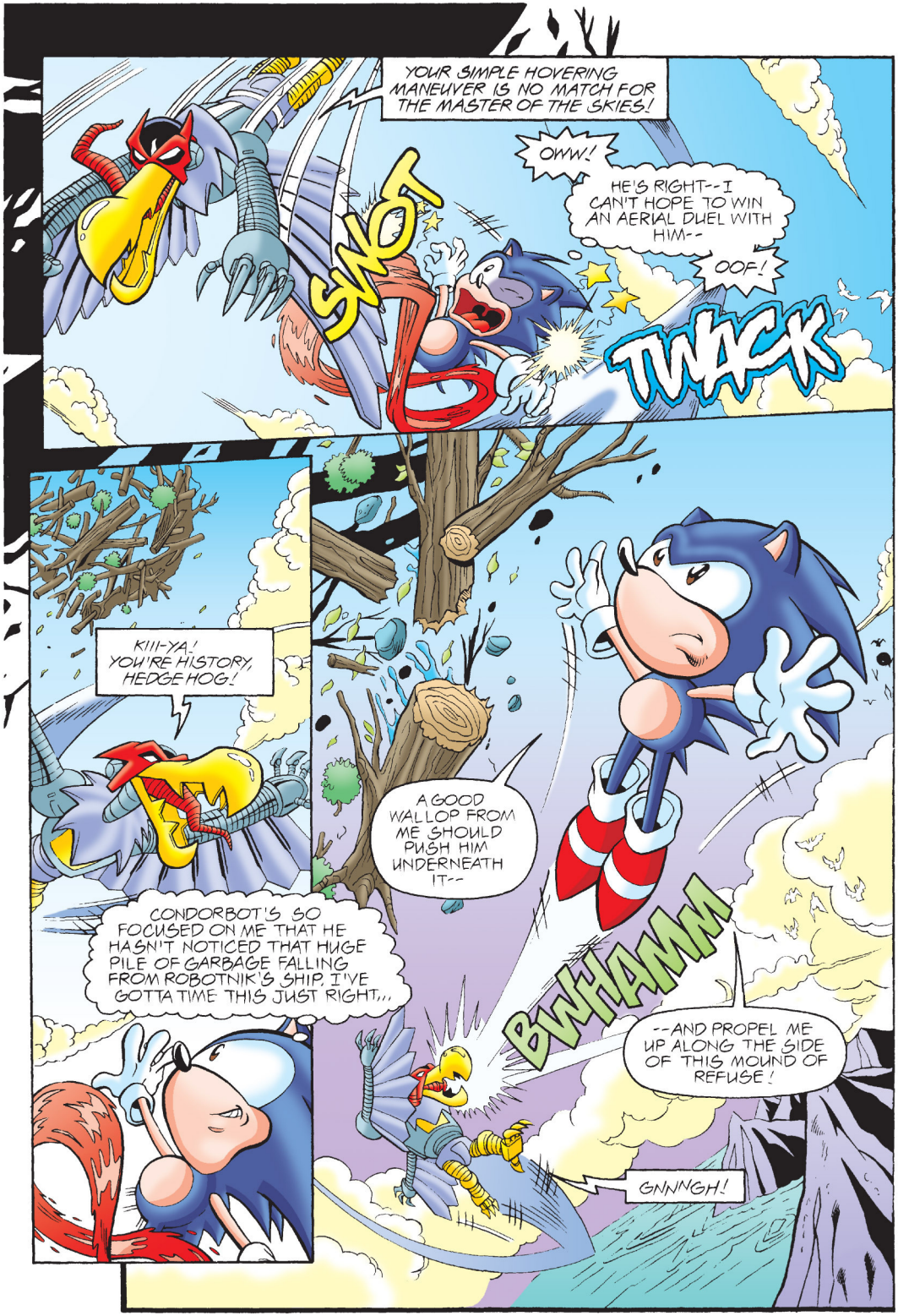

I DON'T DARE TELL HIM THAT I'VE RE-ASSIGNED HIS SWATBOTS TO STOP REPARATIONS IN ORDER TO PAMPER ME FULL TIME!
EXCELLENT! I EXPECT IT TO BE IN PERFECT PUTRID CONDITION WHEN I RETURN! BUT ENOUGH ABOUT YOU-- LET'S GET BACK TO THE DEATH EGG'S DEBUT...
AS YOU KNOW, I RECENTLY HAD ALL THE RINGS SUCKED OUT OF THE GROTTO NEAR MY CITY'S BORDER. OBSERVE THEM BEING PLACED IN A "CHAIN MAIL" PATTERN WITHIN THIS SHIP'S SHELL.
THIS WILL RENDER THE DEATH EGG INVULNERABLE TO EXTERNAL ATTACK. THAT LEAVES ONLY ONE THING MISSING TO BRING THIS VESSEL TO FULL POWER--
A CHAOS EMERALD!

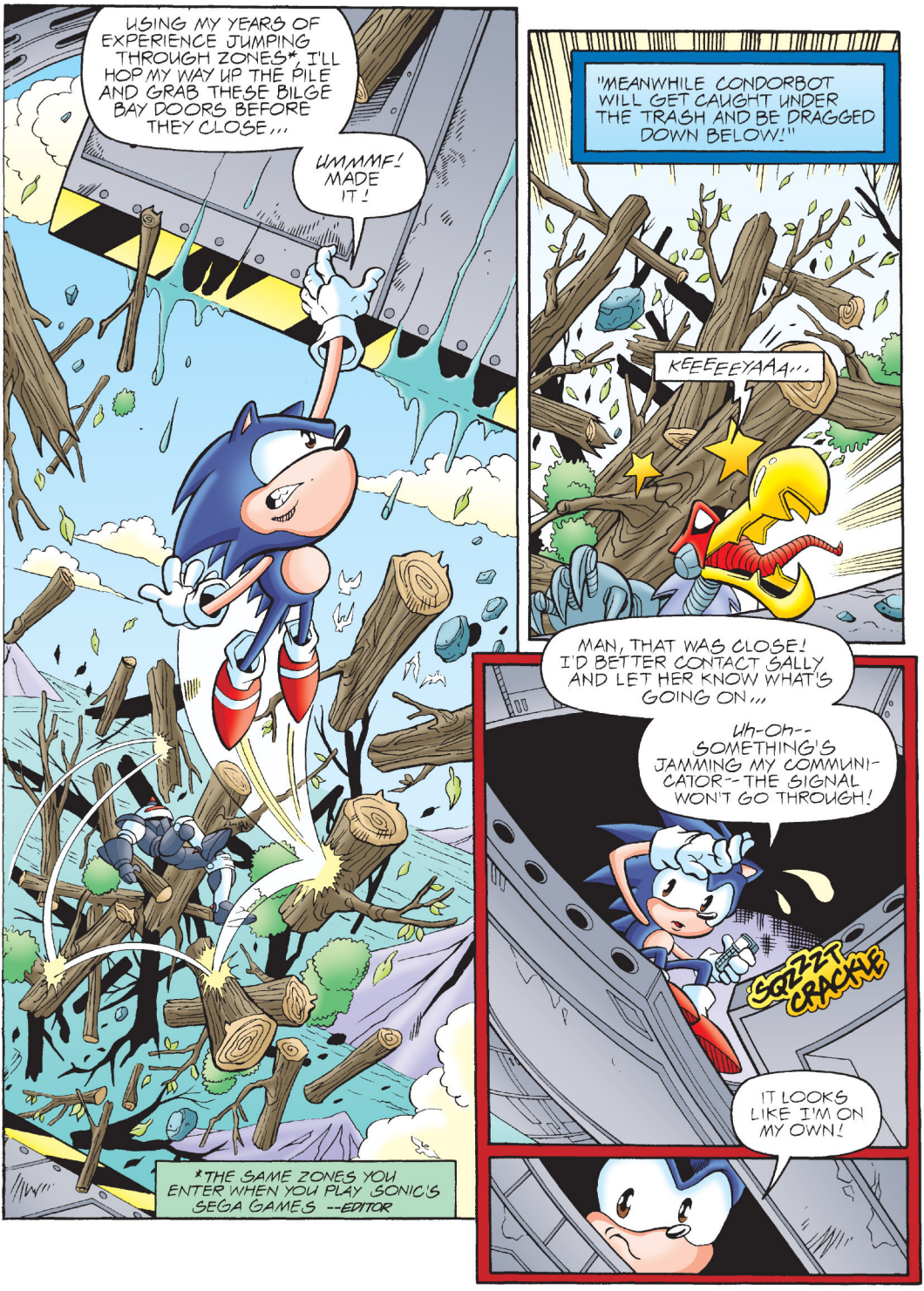

BUT, MY LORD OF LARD... MY INSTRUMENTS SHOW YOUR ALTITUDE IS LOW--AS IF THE DEATH EGG WERE CARRYING TOO MUCH WEIGHT.
YES, I KNOW!
THE INEFFICIENT SWATBOT WHO OPERATED THE FUNNEL TUBE ALSO INGESTED A TON OF DEBRIS WHEN HE SIPHONED THE GROTTO... TREES, ROCKS AND OTHER GARBAGE!
ONCE I'VE ASCERTAINED THAT NO MORE RINGS ARE IN THE BILGE, THAT PILE OF TRASH WILL BE JETTISONED--ALONG WITH THE OFFENDING SWATBOT!
OF COURSE! WHY TOLERATE A DISOBEDIENT EMPLOYEE?
YOUR HOT OIL BATH IS READY, SIR SNIVELY!
SNIV
EXACTLY!
Shhh!
AFTER I'VE DUMPED THAT EXCESS BAGGAGE, THE DEATH EGG WILL ACHIEVE ITS PROPER ORBIT AND I SHALL PROCEED TO PROCURE A CHAOS EMERALD... THEN NOTHING CAN STOP ME!

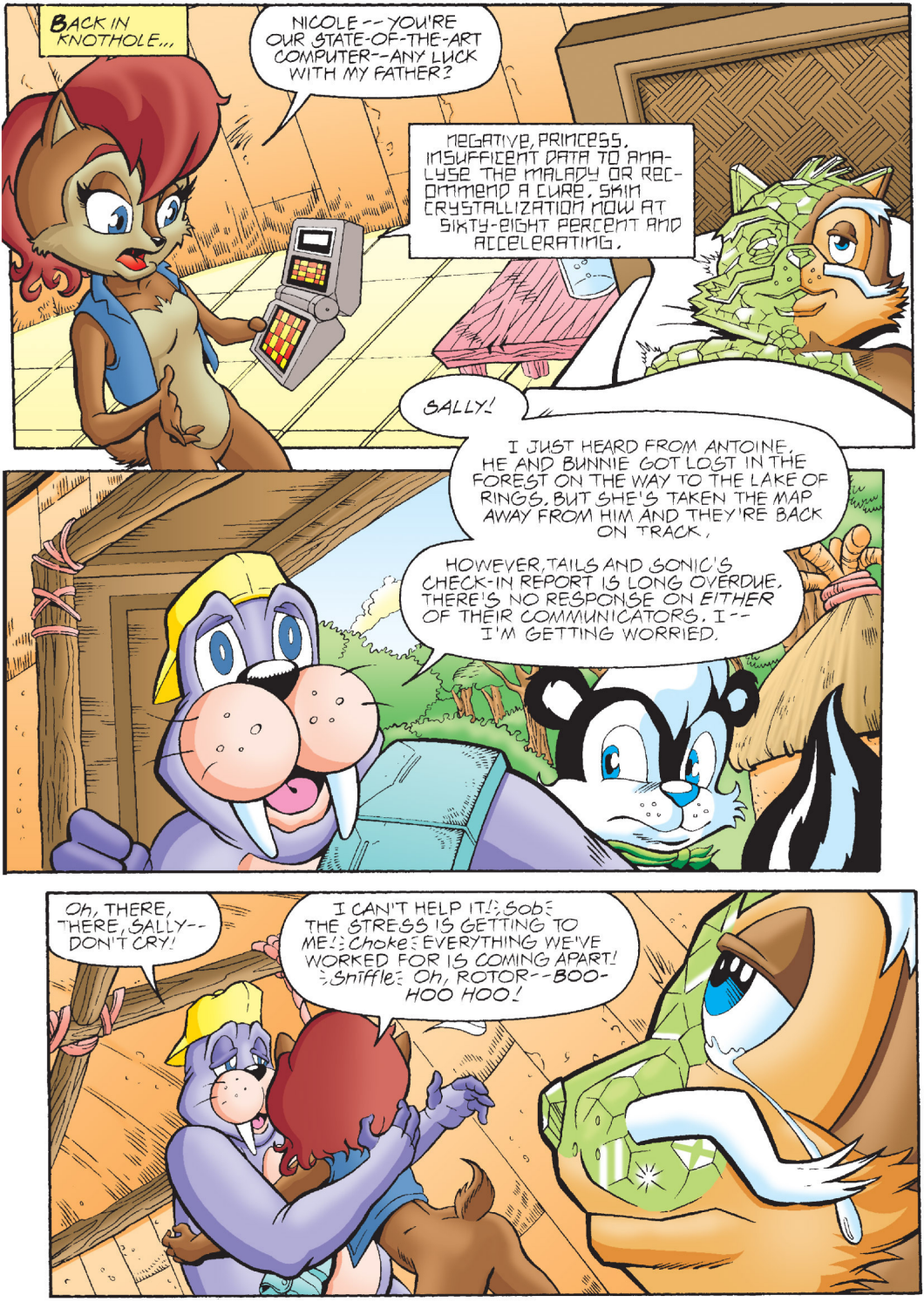

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE EXCESS BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT...
Whew! THAT WAS SOME RIDE I TOOK ALONG WITH HALF THE LANDSCAPE AROUND THE POWER RING GROTTO!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM, BUT THIS WHOLE SCENARIO REEKS OF ROBOTNIK!
SURE ENOUGH HERE'S ONE OF HIS BROKEN SWATBOTS! Ahh-- THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.
BZZT
SPARK
I CAN JAM MYSELF INTO THE HUSK AND WORK IT FROM INSIDE LIKE A PUPPET. MAYBE THIS WAY, I CAN SPY ON ROBO-BUTT AND SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO.
WHOA! JUST IN TIME--HERE COMES A WORKING SWAT-BOT!
SENSOR SCAN IN PROGRESS, MASTER. THE BILGE SEEMS DE-VOID OF MAGIC RINGS.
MAKE SURE BEFORE YOU PURGE.

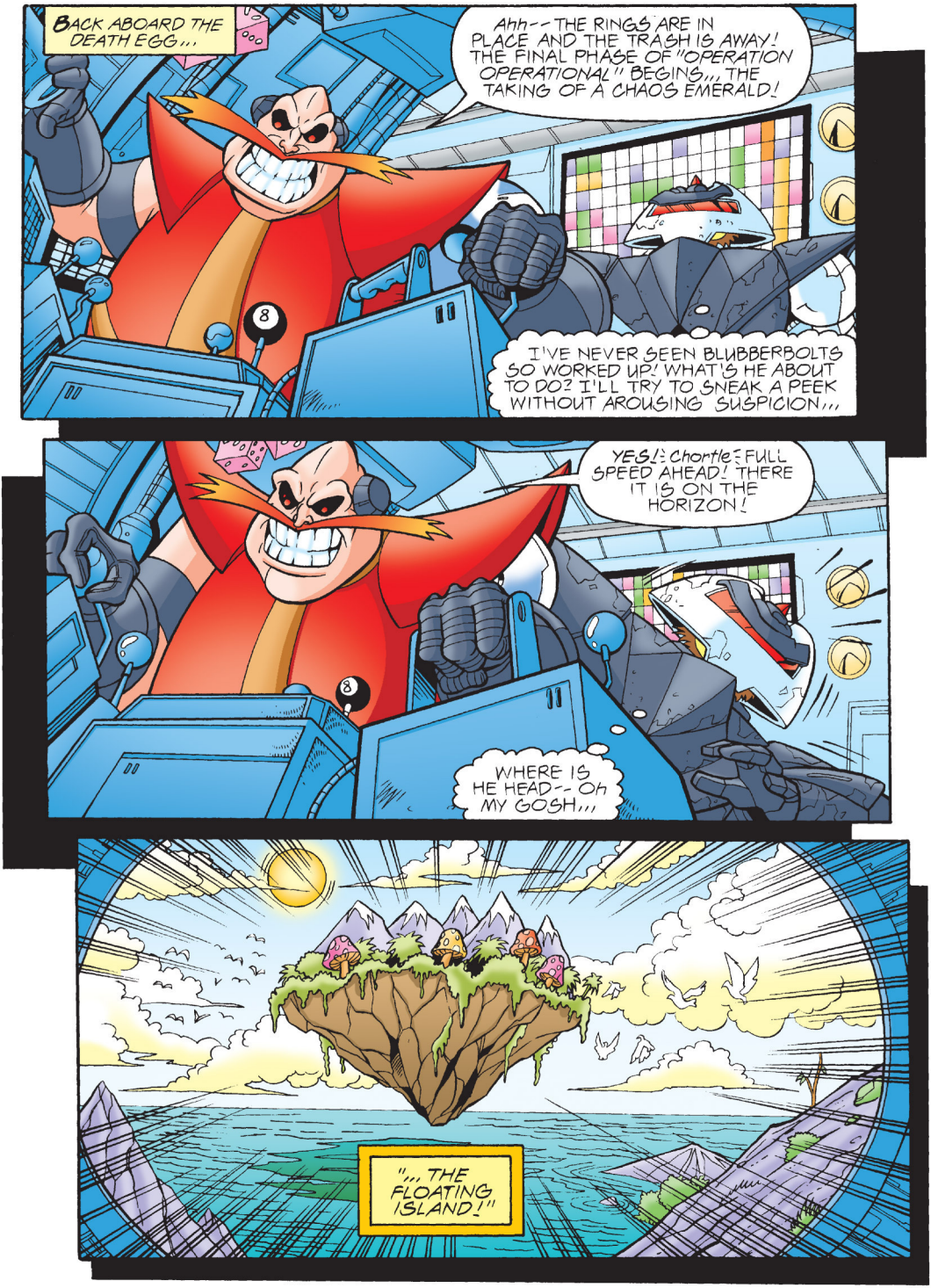

"PURGE"? THAT MEANS HE'S GONNA DUMP THIS PILE OF STUFF-- WELL, NOT WITH ME IN! Hmm-- BUT MAYBE WITH HIM IN IT!
SECONDARY SWEEP CONFIRMS MY FINDINGS.
VERY WELL-- PROCEED. CONTACT ME ON THE VID-SCREEN WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED. ROBOTNIK OUT.
WHAT'S THIS? THE DOORS ARE CLOSING-- I'LL BE TRAPPED-- AND PURGED!
RIGHT, SWATTY! YOU'RE GOING DOWN-- ALL THE WAY DOWN!
DUMP
WHAT'S THE DELAY? IS THAT TRASH EJECTED YET?
YESSIREE-- Err-- I MEAN, AFFIRMATIVE, MASTER.
GOOD WORK! REPORT TO THE BRIDGE AND ASSIST ME!
GOOD! HE FELL FOR MY DISGUISE. SONIC WOULD BE PROUD OF ME!

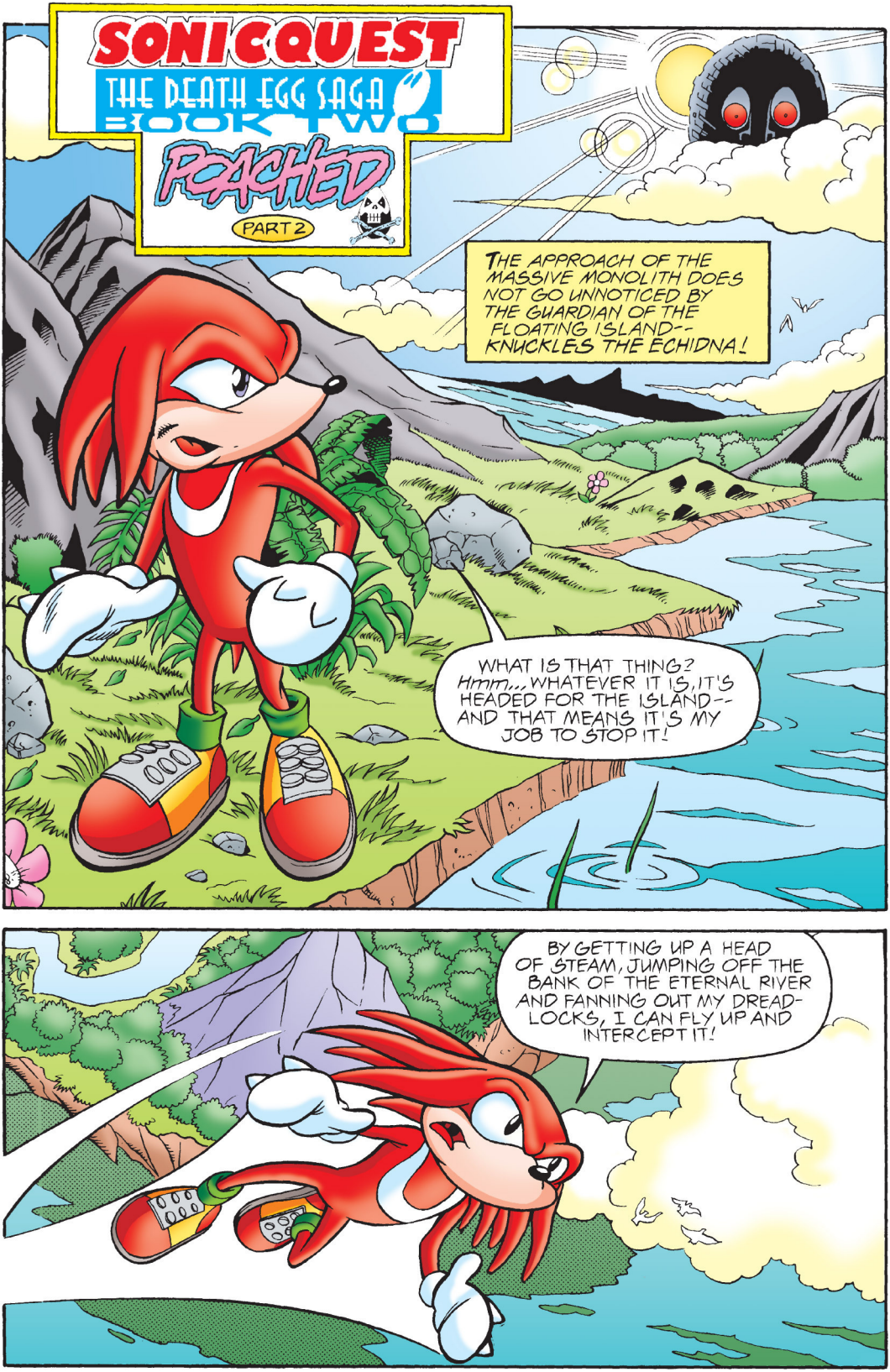

SPEAKING OF SONIC, THE HEDGEHOG IS CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED ALOFT BY CONDORBOT,
KIIII-YA! ROBOTNIK WILL BE PLEASED WHEN I BRING HIS UNCONSCIOUS NEMESIS ABOARD HIS FLOATING VESSEL!
THAT MIGHT WORK--IF I WAS UNCONSCIOUS...
AS IT TURNS OUT I WAS PLAYING POSSUM SO YOU'D TIP YOUR MASTER'S HAND!
AWWK! HE FREED HIMSELF WITH A SONIC SPIN!
VERY OBSERVANT, BRASS BIRD BRAIN! NOW NOTICE HOW I KEEP MYSELF ALOFT USING MY FIGURE EIGHT MOVE!*
KTANG
GWAAA--
VZZT
* FIRST SEEN IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7! --EDITOR


YOUR SIMPLE HOVERING MANEUVER IS NO MATCH FOR THE MASTER OF THE SKIES!
SWOT
OWW!
HE'S RIGHT--I CAN'T HOPE TO WIN AN AERIAL DUEL WITH HIM--
OOF!
TWACK
KIII-YA! YOU'RE HISTORY, HEDGE HOG!
A GOOD WALLOP FROM ME SHOULD PUSH HIM UNDERNEATH IT--
CONDORBOT'S SO FOCUSED ON ME THAT HE HASN'T NOTICED THAT HUGE PILE OF GARBAGE FALLING FROM ROBOTNIK'S SHIP. I'VE GOTTA TIME THIS JUST RIGHT...
BWHAMM
--AND PROPEL ME UP ALONG THE SIDE OF THIS MOUND OF REFUSE!
GNNNGH!


USING MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE JUMPING THROUGH ZONES*, I'LL HOP MY WAY UP THE PILE AND GRAB THESE BILGE BAY DOORS BEFORE THEY CLOSE...
UMMMF! MADE IT!
*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER WHEN YOU PLAY SONIC'S SEGA GAMES --EDITOR
"MEANWHILE CONDORBOT WILL GET CAUGHT UNDER THE TRASH AND BE DRAGGED DOWN BELOW!"
KEEEEEYAAA...
MAN, THAT WAS CLOSE! I'D BETTER CONTACT SALLY AND LET HER KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...
Uh-oh-- SOMETHING'S JAMMING MY COMMUNICATOR-- THE SIGNAL WON'T GO THROUGH!
SQZZT CRACKLE
IT LOOKS LIKE I'M ON MY OWN!


BACK IN KNOTHOLE...
NICOLE -- YOU'RE OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART COMPUTER--ANY LUCK WITH MY FATHER?
NEGATIVE, PRINCESS. INSUFFICENT DATA TO ANALYSE THE MALADY OR RECOMMEND A CURE. SKIN CRYSTALLIZATION NOW AT SIXTY-EIGHT PERCENT AND ACCELERATING.
SALLY!
I JUST HEARD FROM ANTOINE, HE AND BUNNIE GOT LOST IN THE FOREST ON THE WAY TO THE LAKE OF RINGS. BUT SHE'S TAKEN THE MAP AWAY FROM HIM AND THEY'RE BACK ON TRACK.
HOWEVER, TAILS AND SONIC'S CHECK-IN REPORT IS LONG OVERDUE. THERE'S NO RESPONSE ON EITHER OF THEIR COMMUNICATORS. I-- I'M GETTING WORRIED.
OH, THERE, THERE, SALLY-- DON'T CRY!
I CAN'T HELP IT! :Sob: THE STRESS IS GETTING TO ME! :Choke: EVERYTHING WE'VE WORKED FOR IS COMING APART! :Sniffle: OH, ROTOR--BOO-HOO HOO!


BACK ABOARD THE DEATH EGG...
Ahh-- THE RINGS ARE IN PLACE AND THE TRASH IS AWAY! THE FINAL PHASE OF "OPERATION OPERATIONAL" BEGINS... THE TAKING OF A CHAOS EMERALD!
I'VE NEVER SEEN BLUBBERBOLTS SO WORKED UP! WHAT'S HE ABOUT TO DO? I'LL TRY TO SNEAK A PEEK WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION...
YES! Chortle! FULL SPEED AHEAD! THERE IT IS ON THE HORIZON!
WHERE IS HE HEAD-- Oh MY GOSH...
"... THE FLOATING ISLAND!"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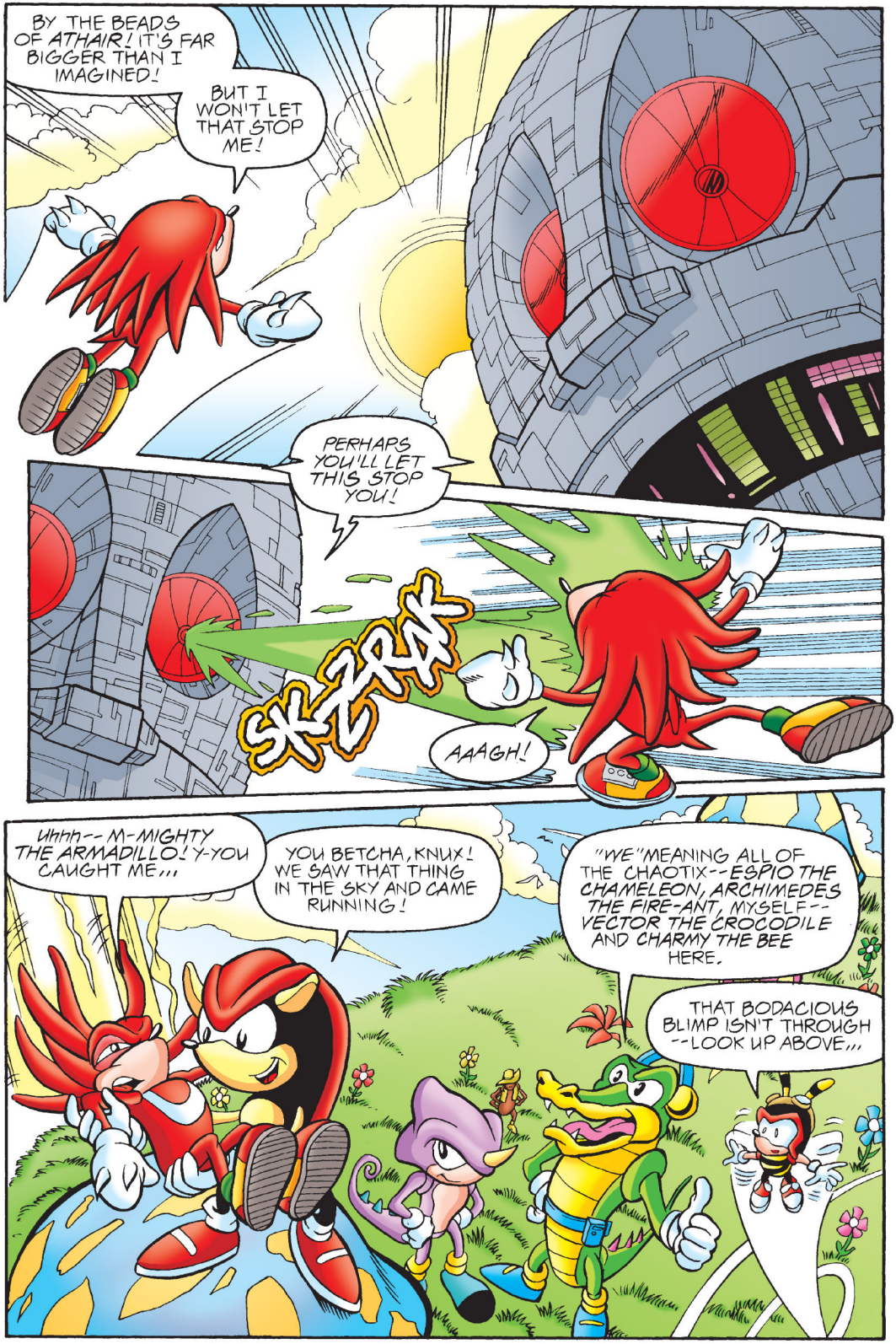
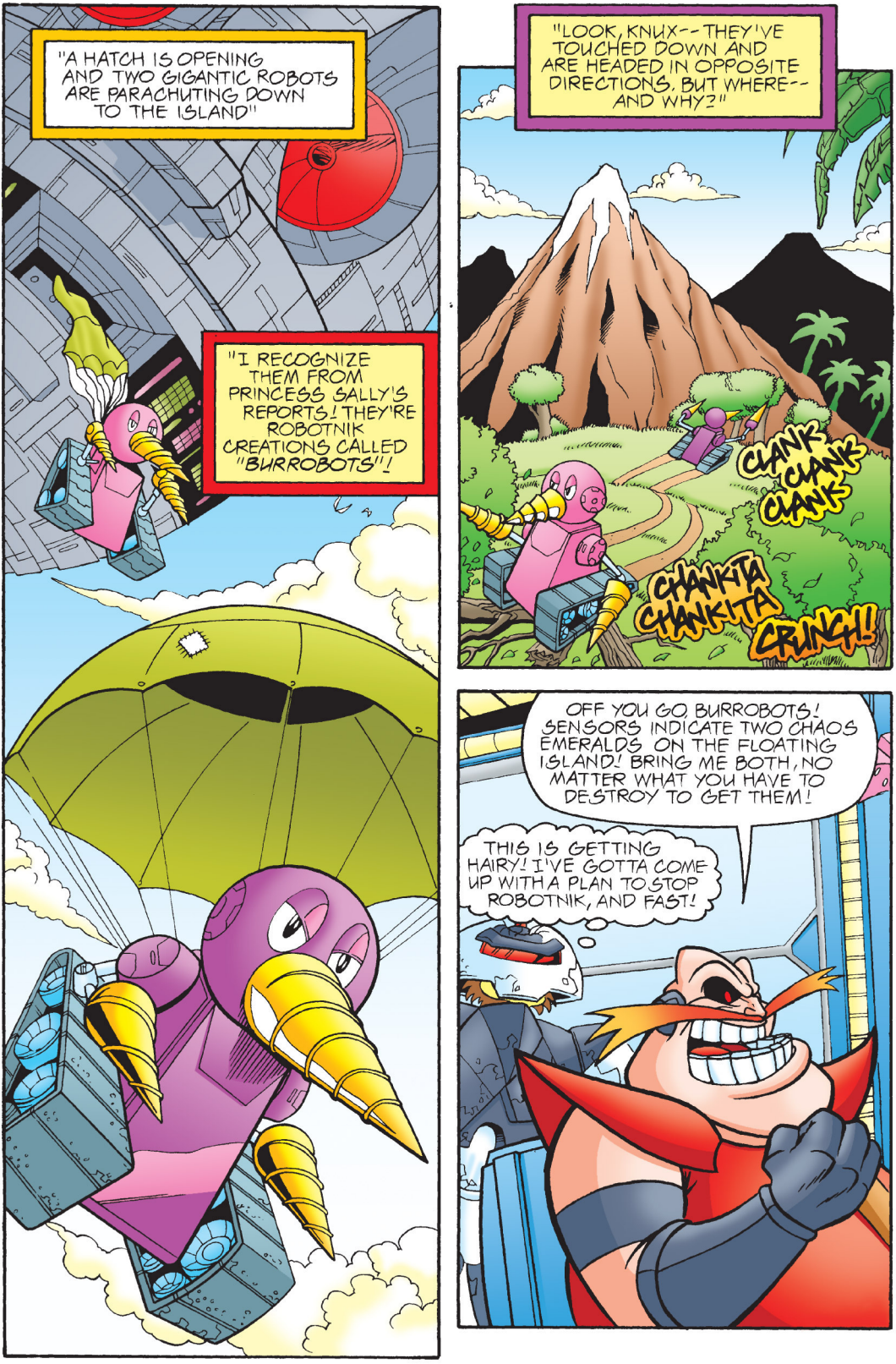
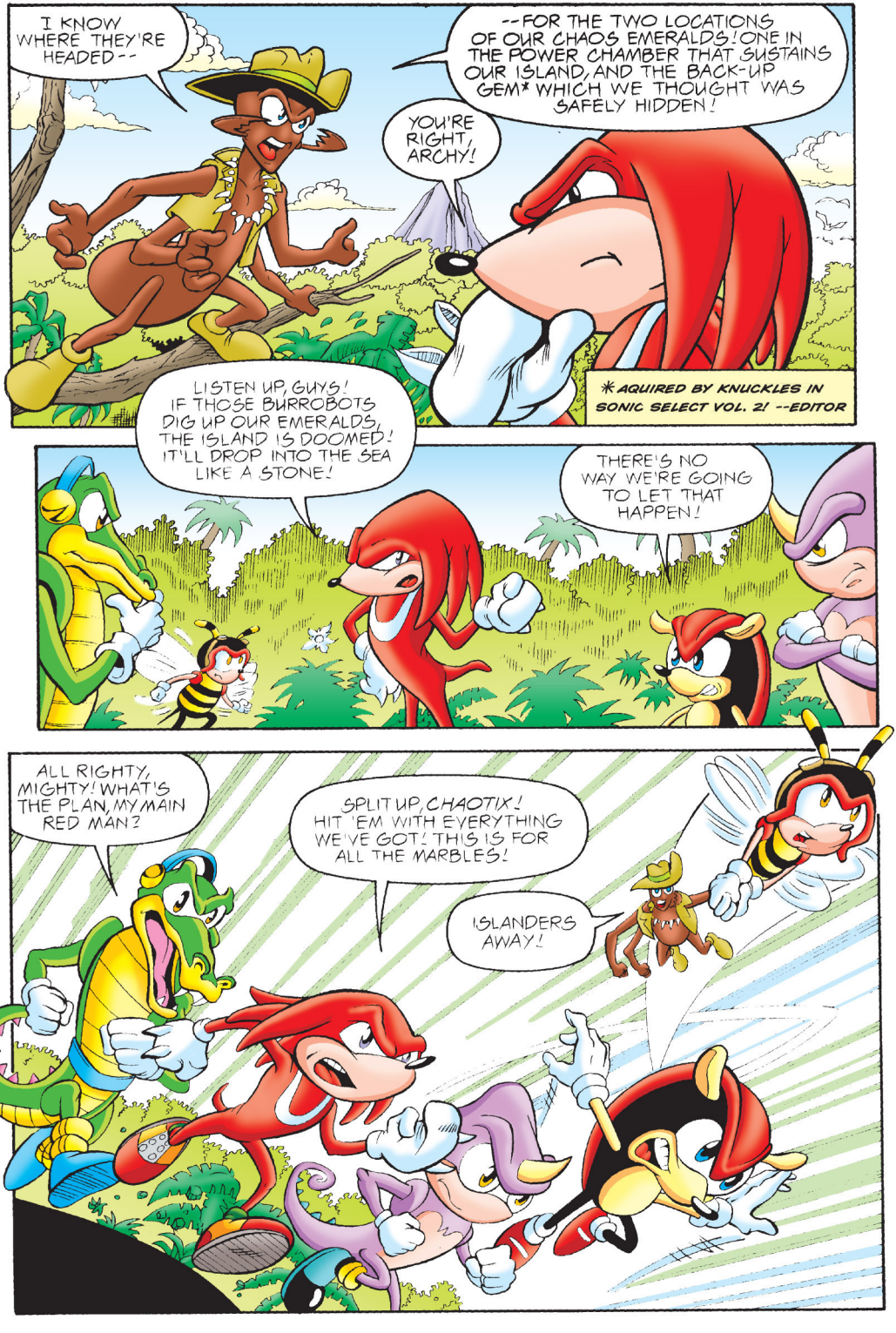
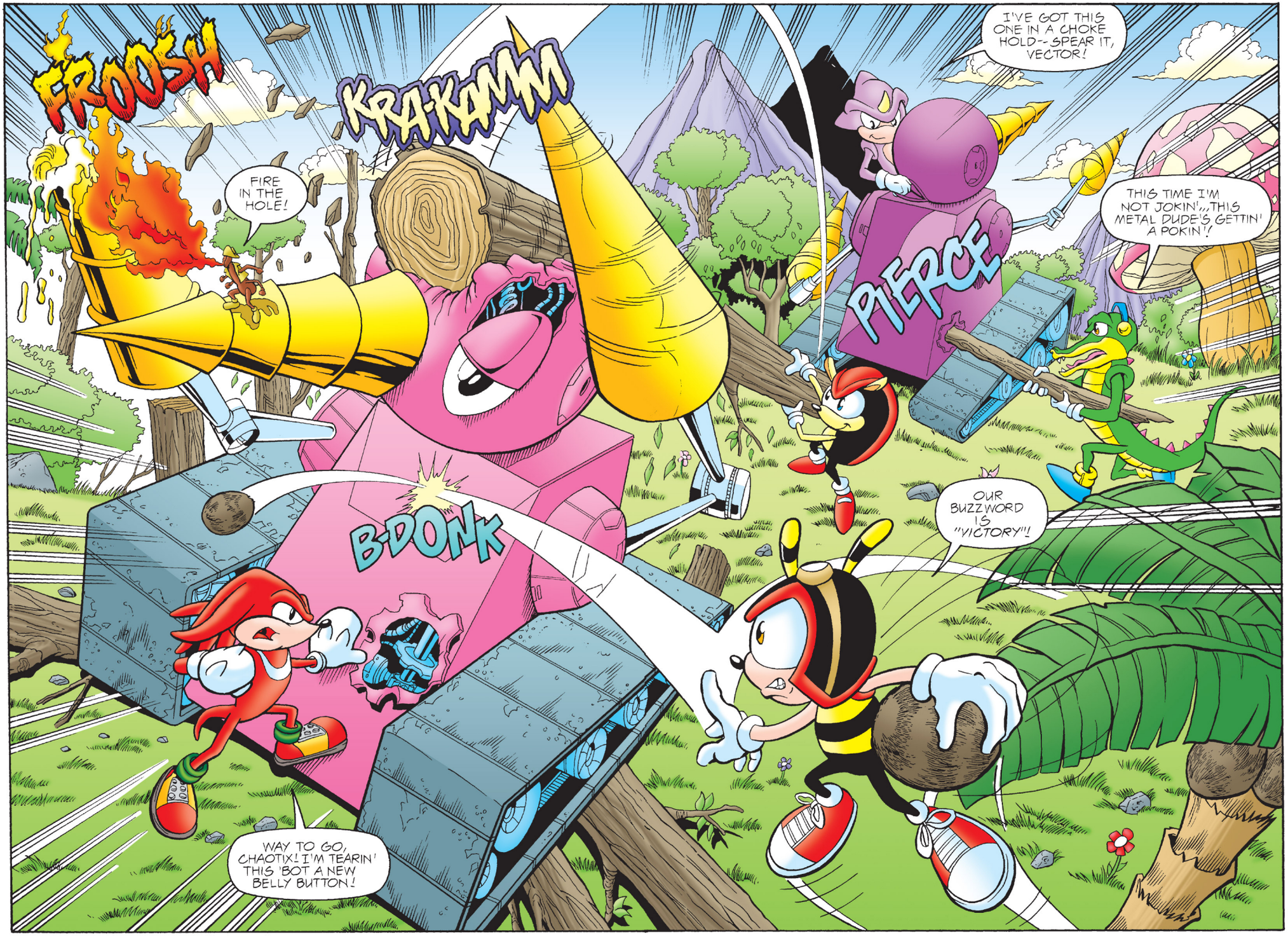
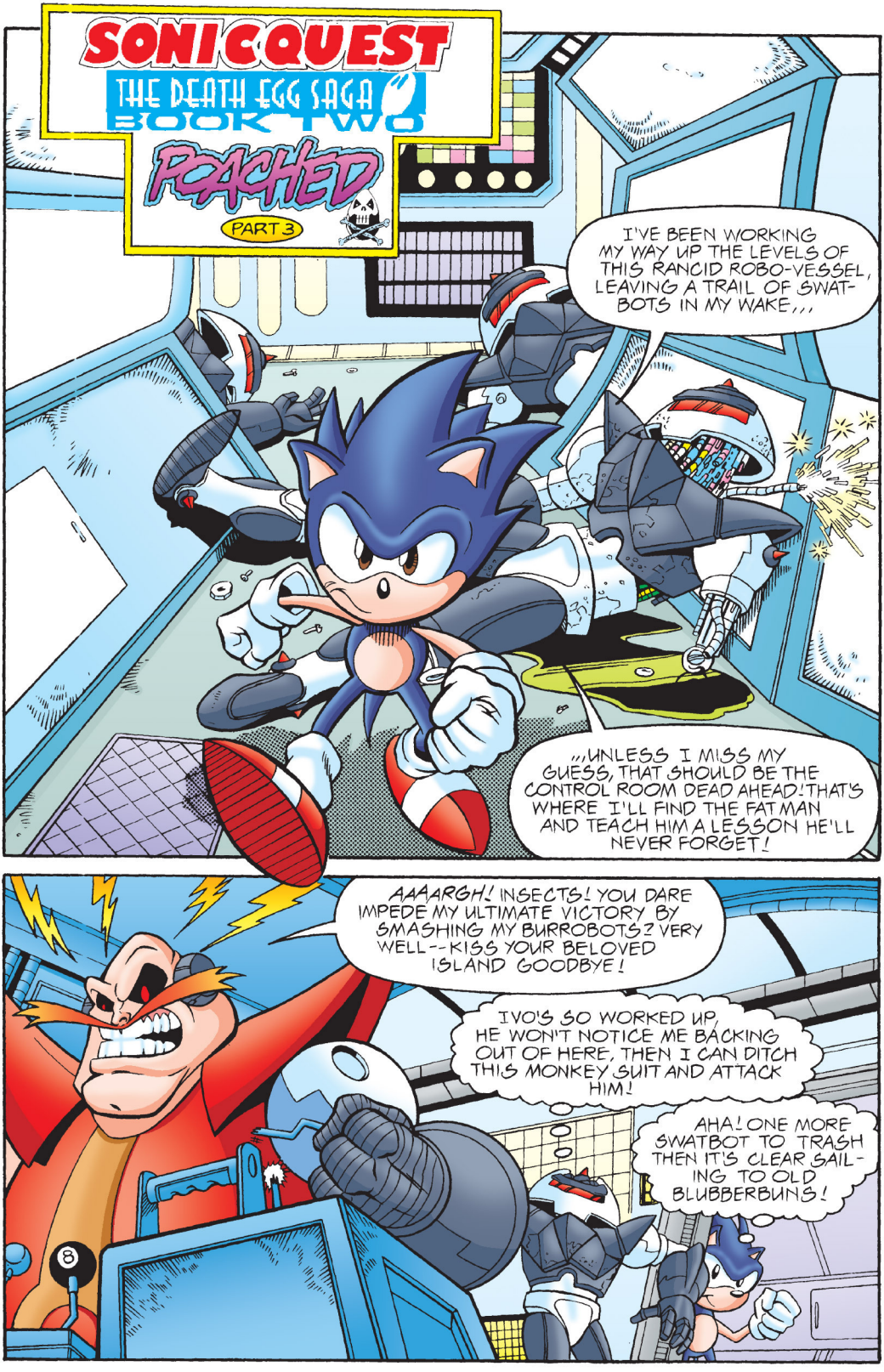
THE APPROACH OF THE MASSIVE MONOLITH DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED BY THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND-- KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
WHAT IS THAT THING? Hmm... WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S HEADED FOR THE ISLAND-- AND THAT MEANS IT'S MY JOB TO STOP IT!
BY GETTING UP A HEAD OF STEAM, JUMPING OFF THE BANK OF THE ETERNAL RIVER AND FANNING OUT MY DREAD-LOCKS, I CAN FLY UP AND INTERCEPT IT!


BY THE BEADS OF ATHAIR! IT'S FAR BIGGER THAN I IMAGINED!
BUT I WON'T LET THAT STOP ME!
PERHAPS YOU'LL LET THIS STOP YOU!
SKZRK
AAAGH!
Uhhh-- M-MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO! Y-YOU CAUGHT ME,,,
YOU BETCHA, KNUX! WE SAW THAT THING IN THE SKY AND CAME RUNNING!
"WE" MEANING ALL OF THE CHAOTIX--ESPIO THE CHAMELEON, ARCHIMEDES THE FIRE-ANT, MYSELF-- VECTOR THE CROCODILE AND CHARMY THE BEE HERE.
THAT BODACIOUS BLIMP ISN'T THROUGH --LOOK UP ABOVE,,,


"A HATCH IS OPENING AND TWO GIGANTIC ROBOTS ARE PARACHUTING DOWN TO THE ISLAND"
"I RECOGNIZE THEM FROM PRINCESS SALLY'S REPORTS! THEY'RE ROBOTNIK CREATIONS CALLED "BURROBOTS"!
"LOOK, KNUX--THEY'VE TOUCHED DOWN AND ARE HEADED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS. BUT WHERE--AND WHY?"
CLANK CLANK CLANK
CHANKITA CHANKITA
CRUNCH!
OFF YOU GO, BURROBOTS! SENSORS INDICATE TWO CHAOS EMERALDS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND! BRING ME BOTH, NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE TO DESTROY TO GET THEM!
THIS IS GETTING HAIRY! I'VE GOTTA COME UP WITH A PLAN TO STOP ROBOTNIK, AND FAST!


I KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HEADED--
--FOR THE TWO LOCATIONS OF OUR CHAOS EMERALDS! ONE IN THE POWER CHAMBER THAT SUSTAINS OUR ISLAND, AND THE BACK-UP GEM* WHICH WE THOUGHT WAS SAFELY HIDDEN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, ARCHY!
*AQUIRED BY KNUCKLES IN SONIC SELECT VOL. 2! --EDITOR
LISTEN UP, GUYS! IF THOSE BURROBOTS DIG UP OUR EMERALDS, THE ISLAND IS DOOMED! IT'LL DROP INTO THE SEA LIKE A STONE!
THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN!
ALL RIGHTY, MIGHTY! WHAT'S THE PLAN, MY MAIN RED MAN?
SPLIT UP, CHAOTIX! HIT 'EM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT! THIS IS FOR ALL THE MARBLES!
ISLANDERS AWAY!


FROOSH
KRA-KAMM
FIRE IN THE HOLE!
B-DONK
WAY TO GO, CHAOTIX! I'M TEARIN' THIS 'BOT A NEW BELLY BUTTON!
I'VE GOT THIS ONE IN A CHOKE HOLD-- SPEAR IT, VECTOR!
PIERCE
THIS TIME I'M NOT JOKIN'... THIS METAL DUDE'S GETTIN' A POKIN'!
OUR BUZZWORD IS "VICTORY"!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I'VE BEEN WORKING MY WAY UP THE LEVELS OF THIS RANCID ROBO-VESSEL, LEAVING A TRAIL OF SWAT-BOTS IN MY WAKE...
...UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, THAT SHOULD BE THE CONTROL ROOM DEAD AHEAD! THAT'S WHERE I'LL FIND THE FAT MAN AND TEACH HIM A LESSON HE'LL NEVER FORGET!
AAAARGH! INSECTS! YOU DARE IMPEDE MY ULTIMATE VICTORY BY SMASHING MY BURROBOTS? VERY WELL--KISS YOUR BELOVED ISLAND GOODBYE!
IVO'S SO WORKED UP, HE WON'T NOTICE ME BACKING OUT OF HERE, THEN I CAN DITCH THIS MONKEY SUIT AND ATTACK HIM!
AHA! ONE MORE SWATBOT TO TRASH THEN IT'S CLEAR SAILING TO OLD BLUBBERBUNS!
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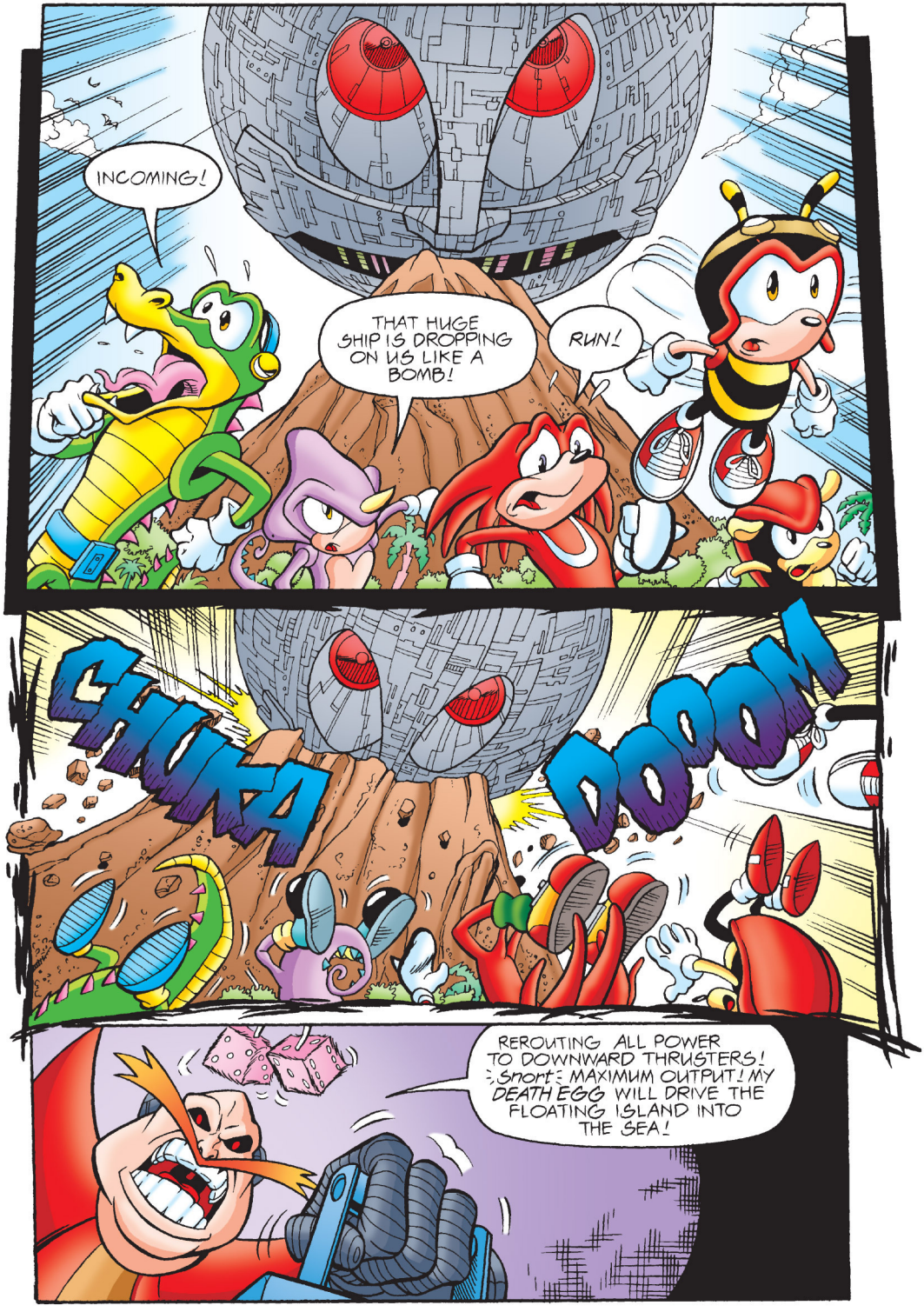
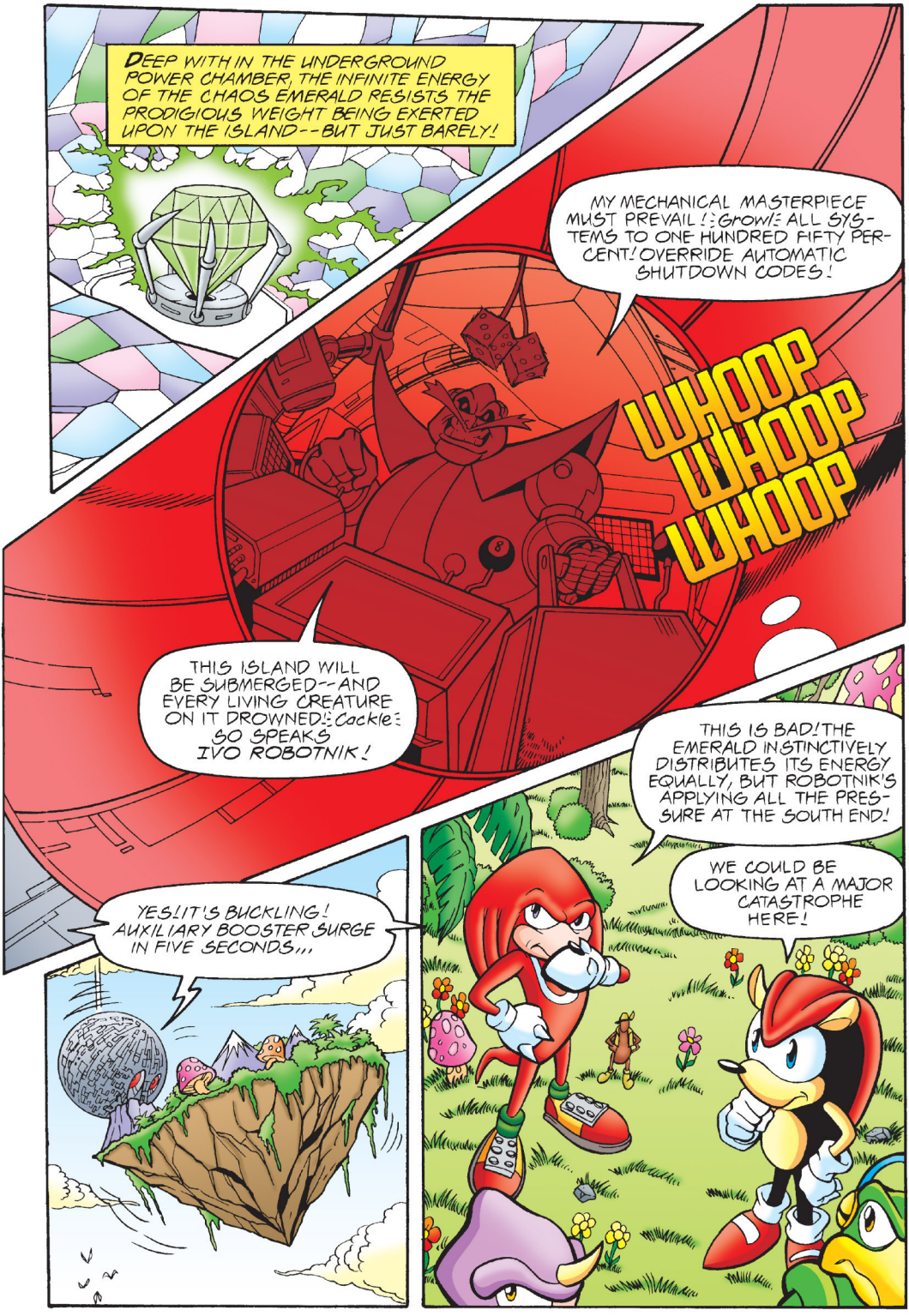
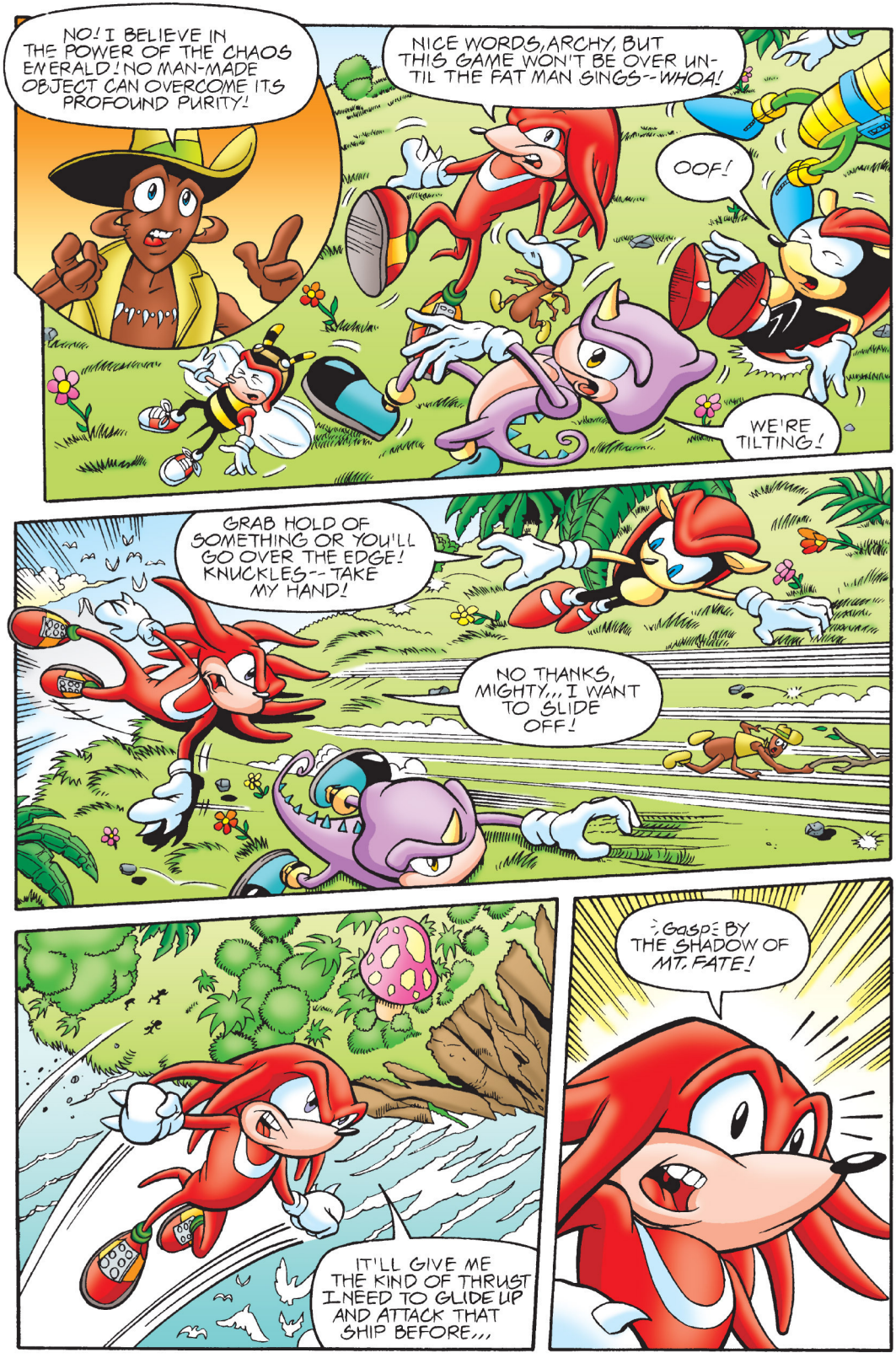
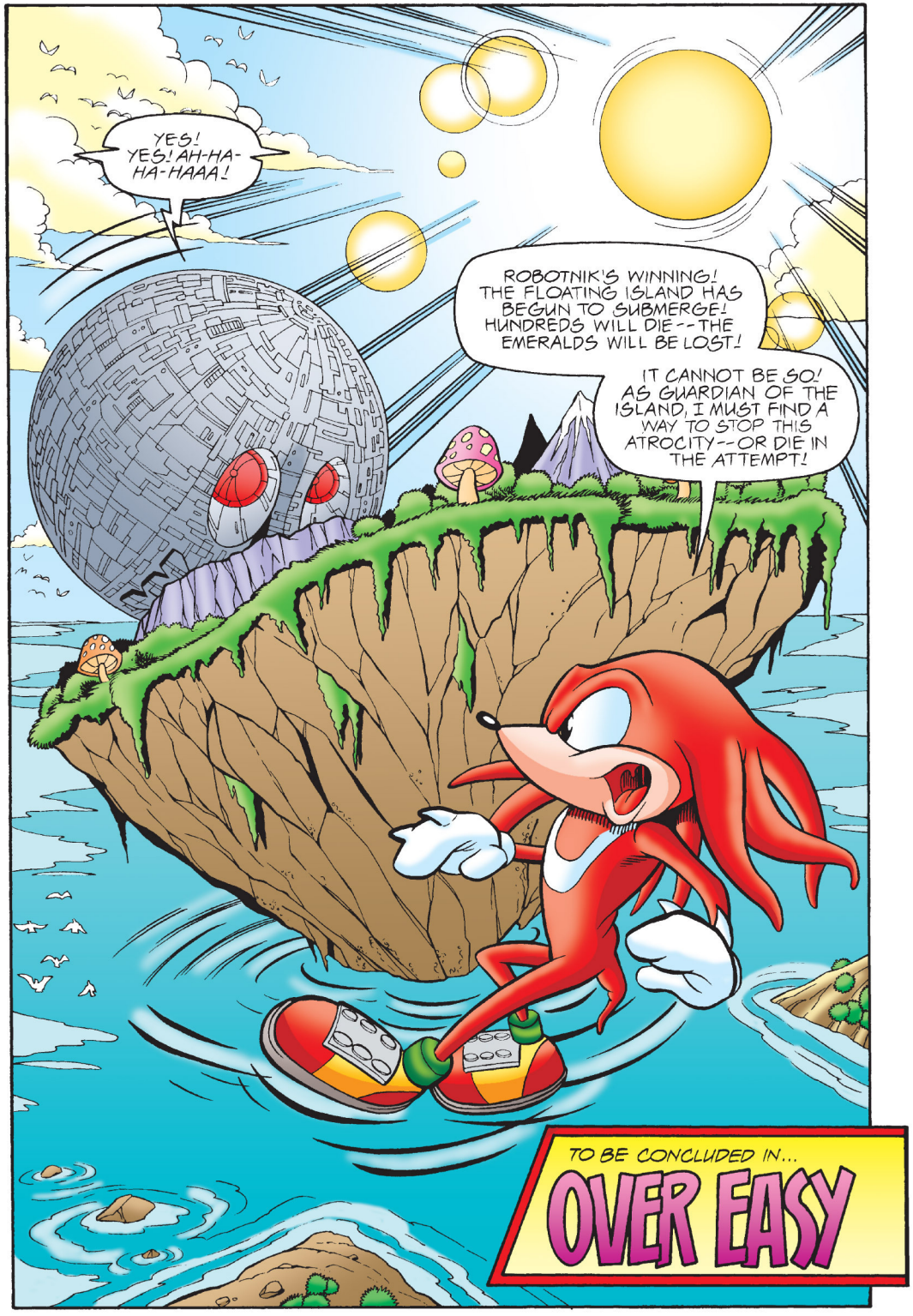

INCOMING!
THAT HUGE SHIP IS DROPPING ON US LIKE A BOMB!
RUN!
CHUKA
DOOOM
REROUTING ALL POWER TO DOWNWARD THRUSTERS! :Snort: MAXIMUM OUTPUT! MY DEATH EGG WILL DRIVE THE FLOATING ISLAND INTO THE SEA!


DEEP WITH IN THE UNDERGROUND POWER CHAMBER, THE INFINITE ENERGY OF THE CHAOS EMERALD RESISTS THE PRODIGIOUS WEIGHT BEING EXERTED UPON THE ISLAND--BUT JUST BARELY!
MY MECHANICAL MASTERPIECE MUST PREVAIL! :Growl: ALL SYSTEMS TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT! OVERRIDE AUTOMATIC SHUTDOWN CODES!
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
THIS ISLAND WILL BE SUBMERGED--AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE ON IT DROWNED! :Cackle: SO SPEAKS IVO ROBOTNIK!
THIS IS BAD! THE EMERALD INSTINCTIVELY DISTRIBUTES ITS ENERGY EQUALLY, BUT ROBOTNIK'S APPLYING ALL THE PRESSURE AT THE SOUTH END!
WE COULD BE LOOKING AT A MAJOR CATASTROPHE HERE!
YES! IT'S BUCKLING! AUXILIARY BOOSTER SURGE IN FIVE SECONDS...


NO! I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD! NO MAN-MADE OBJECT CAN OVERCOME ITS PROFOUND PURITY!
NICE WORDS, ARCHY, BUT THIS GAME WON'T BE OVER UNTIL THE FAT MAN SINGS--WHOA!
OOF!
WE'RE TILTING!
GRAB HOLD OF SOMETHING OR YOU'LL GO OVER THE EDGE! KNUCKLES--TAKE MY HAND!
NO THANKS, MIGHTY... I WANT TO SLIDE OFF!
IT'LL GIVE ME THE KIND OF THRUST I NEED TO GLIDE UP AND ATTACK THAT SHIP BEFORE...
GASP! BY THE SHADOW OF MT. FATE!


YES! YES! AH-HA-HA-HAAA!
ROBOTNIK'S WINNING! THE FLOATING ISLAND HAS BEGUN TO SUBMERGE! HUNDREDS WILL DIE--THE EMERALDS WILL BE LOST!
IT CANNOT BE SO! AS GUARDIAN OF THE ISLAND, I MUST FIND A WAY TO STOP THIS ATROCITY--OR DIE IN THE ATTEMPT!
TO BE CONCLUDED IN...
OVER EASY